

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2011-35-S - ORDER NO. 2011-179
MARCH 4, 2011

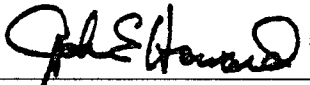
IN RE: Application of Midlands Utility,) ORDER GRANTING
Incorporated Requesting Sanitary Sewer) REQUEST TO WAIVE
Service Area Extension for Additional) NOTICE AND HEARING
Development in Northwood Estates - 25) AND APPROVING
Lots, 10,000 Gallons Per Day) APPLICATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Sanitary Sewer Service Area Extension Request of Midlands Utility, Inc. (Midlands or the Company). By its request, Midlands seeks to provide sanitary sewer service for 25 lots located in Northwood Estates Subdivision adjacent to parcels currently served by Midlands. According to the Company, sewer from the project (estimated at some 10,000 gallons per day) will be connected to a nearby gravity main and transported through Midlands' existing collection system and transported to the Orangeburg Department of Public Utilities for treatment and disposal. Midlands further requests that the usual public notice and hearing requirements be waived, since there are no other sewer providers in the area and there are no present customers. People who build or buy homes in the development will be charged the rates previously approved by the Commission. The Office of Regulatory Staff filed a letter indicating that it has no objection to the requested waiver or to approval of the application.

Accordingly, we grant Midlands's request to waive the public notice and hearing requirements and approve the Company's application.


This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



David A. Wright, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)